CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. A tank hose handling system for supporting a hose and associated components in operative proximity to a gas tank in a safe and convenient manner comprising, in combination:

a tank for containing and dispensing gas, the tank having an enlarged cylindrical lower section and a small tubular upper section with a hemispherical middle section there between and with a common vertical axis there through;

a gas dispensing hose having an inner end attached to the upper section and an outer free end with a plurality of operational components;

a support assembly having an interior component with an inner long leg and an outer long leg with an inner bend there between, the support assembly also having an exterior component with an inner short leg and an outer short leg with an outer bend there between, the upper end of the outer long leg and the upper end of the inner short leg being integrally formed, the support assembly also having lateral leg integrally formed with the upper end of the inner long leg and an outer curvature removably coupled to the tubular upper section adjacent to the semi-hemispherical section, the support assembly being formed from a single piece of material formed to the desired shape and of a material thickness to allow for limited flexibility, the exterior component and the interior component and the lateral leg as well as the axis of the tank being in a common plane; and

a lower strap encompassing the inner long leg adjacent to the bottom thereof and the cylindrical lower section adjacent to the lower extent.

2. A tank hose handling system comprising:

a tank having an enlarged cylindrical lower section and a small tubular upper section with a hemispherical middle section there between;

a gas dispensing hose having an inner end attached to the upper section and an outer free end;

a support assembly having an interior component with an inner long leg and an outer long leg with an inner bend there between, the support assembly also having an exterior component with an inner short leg and an outer short leg with an outer bend there between, the support assembly also having lateral leg integrally formed with the upper end of the inner long leg and an outer curvature removably coupled to the tubular upper section adjacent to the semi-hemispherical section.

3. The system as set forth in claim 2 and further including a lower strap encompassing the inner long leg adjacent to the bottom thereof and the cylindrical lower section adjacent to the lower extent.

4. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is C-shaped.

5. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is shaped with three flat sides and an open side.

6. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is rectangular-shaped.

7. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is V-shaped.

8. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is shaped with five flat sides and one open side.

9. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is in a circular shape.

10. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the outer curvature is diamond-shaped with one open side.

11. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner bend is U-shaped.

12. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner bend is shaped as a rectangle with an open top.

13. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner bend is shaped as a broad V.

14. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the inner bend is shaped as an arrow V.

15. The system as set forth in claim 2 and further including a second exterior component with an inner short leg and

an outer short leg with a supplemental outer bend there between, the upper end of the outer short leg of the first mentioned exterior component and the upper end of the inner short leg of the second exterior component being integrally formed, the first mentioned exterior component and the second exterior component and the interior component and the lateral leg being in a common plane.

16. A tank hose handling system for use with a tank of the type having an enlarged cylindrical lower section and a small tubular upper section with a hemispherical middle section there between, and also for use with a gas dispensing hose of the type having an inner end attachable to an upper section and an outer free end, the system including:

a support assembly having an interior component with an inner long leg and an outer long leg with an inner bend there between, the support assembly also has an exterior component with an inner short leg and an outer short leg with an outer lower bend there between, and a lateral leg integrally formed with the upper end of the inner long leg and with a remote end and an outer curvature, wherein the lateral leg, remote end and outer curvature are movably couplable to the tubular upper section adjacent to the semi-hemispherical section.

17. The system as set forth in claim 16 and further including a third short leg and a fourth short leg with a second

outer lower bend there between, the third and fourth short legs and second outer lower bend located outwardly of the outer short leg and parallel therewith and an upper outer bend securing the outer short leg to the third short leg.

18. The system as set forth in claim 17 wherein the upper outer bend and its legs are parallel with, but offset from, the inner bend and its legs and the outer lower bend and second outer lower bend along with their legs are at angles with respect to the upper outer bend and positioned there between.

19. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein an upper bend couples the inner short leg and the outer long leg and is located at an elevation below the lateral leg.

20. The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein an upper bend couples the inner short leg and the outer long leg and is located at an elevation above the lateral leg.